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SUBJ: MARCONA-GOP PRESENTS TAX CLAIM TO COMPANY

1. MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE'S DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TAXES (DIRECCION GENERAL DE CONTRIBUCIONES) HAS SENT MARCONA'S LIMA OFFICE NOTIFICATION OF BACK TAXES DUE FOR PERIOD JUNE THROUGH NOVEMBER 1974. BACK TAX CLAIMED IS S/2,416,806.58 (\$35,374.80 AT CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE) PLUS PENALTY ASSESSMENT OF 100 PERCENT, MAKING TOTAL S/4,833,613.16 (\$70,749.60). MARCONA REPRESENTATIVE HOWARD STEVENSON PASSED TAX NOTIFICATION TO ECON OFF AND INDICATED MARCONA WOULD TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION.

2. ECON OFF SPOKE WITH FINANCE VICE MINISTER KEIL INFORMING HIM OF TAX NOTIFICATION AND POINTING OUT EMBASSY'S VIEW THAT ARTICLE III OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON MARCONA PRECLUDED THIS TYPE OF CLAIM. KEIL AFFIRMED THAT HE SHARED THIS VIEW. HE ASKED THAT EMBASSY SEND HIM COPY OF TAX NOTIFICATION AND PROMISED TO INVESTIGATE MATTER.

3. COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THIS IS YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF GOP'S LEFT HAND NOT KNOWING WHAT RIGHT HAND IS DOING; IN THIS CASE NO ONE INFORMED THE WORKING-LEVEL PEOPLE IN CONTRIBUCIONES OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE MARCONA SETTLEMENT. FROM KEIL'S REMARKS WE EXPECT THAT GOP WILL QUIETLY DROP TAX CLAIM.
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